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CALLING ALL EDUCATORS: SIGN UP FOR “PROJECT LEARNING TREE” SUMMER WORKSHOPS FEATURING HAWAI‘I RESOURCES

HONOLULU – Educators looking for a creative, multi-disciplinary environmental education program are invited to participate this summer in Project Learning Tree workshops being offered throughout the state this summer by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) in cooperation with the Hawai‘i Nature Center, the U.S. Forest Service, and the American Forest Foundation.

These free workshops will provide educators around the state with the opportunity to meet and share ideas with other educators, and learn ways Project Learning Tree (PLT) lessons can be adapted to incorporate Hawai‘i’s unique natural and cultural resources. Participants will receive the PLT K-8 curriculum guide, which is correlated to National Content Standards.

Project Learning Tree is an award-winning education program which makes it easy to infuse environmental lessons into other subject areas such as math, language arts, and social studies. It can be adapted to various audiences: Pre-K – 12 students, Scout troops, special education classes, community groups and many more. Workshop participants will receive the PLT curriculum guide, which contains 96 activities and lessons. Because Project Learning Tree is a national curriculum, facilitators will highlight connections with Hawai‘i-specific resources, including the ‘Ohi‘a Project.

“We look forward to getting the input of workshop participants about how to further connect and enhance PLT with Hawai‘i-specific content and information,” said Caroline Tucker, PLT Facilitator and DLNR – DOFAW education and information assistant.

Lunch and snacks will be provided by various generous sponsors including Costco O‘ahu and Kaua‘i, Stretch Island Fruit, and Whole Foods. Participants are encouraged to bring a reusable drink container for coffee and water.

Workshop schedule:

Maui: June 13 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hawai'i Nature Center in 'Iao Valley. Optional guided hike after the workshop led by Hawai'i Nature Center Staff.

Kaua'i: June 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet at the Koke'e Lodge. Optional free overnight accommodations on the June 19 for those who want to participate in a service trip on June 20.

O'ahu: June 27 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hawai'i Nature Center in Makiki. Optional guided hike after the workshop led by Hawai'i Nature Center Staff.

Hawai'i Island: Stay tuned for more information! Workshops will be held in Kona in August and September in Hilo.

Interested? To learn more about the workshops and to register, visit <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/dofaw/PLT/2009> or contact Caroline Tucker at Caroline.E.Tucker@hawaii.gov.

To find out more about PLT before the workshops visit www.plt.org. To secure your place at the workshop, please submit your registration information and \$20 made out to 'Hawaii Nature Center.

Registration fee will be returned to participant when they arrive at the workshop, making this a free professional development opportunity for educators of all kinds!

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